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Present: Kevin Welch, Harold Simmons, Christine Muir, Ron Mikol, Joe Dean, Dana Metzler

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Highway Transfer Request

The board reconsidered the Highway department's request to transfer \$8500 to the highway lease-purchase account to cover the cost of sander equipment for the new truck. We can no longer consider transferring the money from the FY13 Snow Removal budget, which had funds left over, because those books have been closed. We can either transfer from Reserve or wait until a possible Special Town Meeting in October to bring to "raise and appropriate" with town vote. Ron cautions that other expenses may be on the warrant to be raised and appropriated.

Harold pointed out that Highway has \$10,000 in a Highway Stabilization Fund, which could be used, but also requires a town meeting vote. Ron will talk to Road Commissioners about using FY14 funds.

Request for New Fire Truck

Chief Brian Rich brought in a quote for a new Ford F350. His current truck has had trouble with a particular valve, resulting in several tows and \$4000 in repair costs over the past six weeks. Kevin asked that Brian get a trade-in quote; if the truck goes to auction instead, we will have a ballpark value to anticipate. The truck is gas, not diesel, and the quote includes all lettering and painting. The question is how to fund the purchase. Ford Credit offered a very high interest rate (over 6%); Bonnie thinks a statehouse note could come in much lower. She will look into the options and report back before the Advisory Board's September meeting.

New Business

Ron mentioned that the Capital Planning Committee is considering several issues, including a feasibility study on a fire/police building and the necessary improvement in the Water Department's infrastructure. The Committee is likely to request a meeting with FinCom within the next few months.

Dana asked where things stand with hiring a town manager or administrator. The Board of Selectmen has yet to define the role in terms of responsibilities, goals, reporting structure, etc.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013 due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 2.

We adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Harold K. Simmons
Christine Muir